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SUBJECT: HUNGARIAN AND BULGARIAN CONSULATES GENERAL IN WEST BERLIN

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1. SENAT CHANCELLORY CHIEF HERZ CONFIRMED TO ALLIED  
POLADS AT LUNCH MARCH 18 THAT REPRESENTATIVE OF  
HUNGARIAN EMBASSY EAST BERLIN (GABOS) HAS TELEPHONED  
CHANCELLORY SEVERAL TIMES IN RECENT DAYS IN EFFORT TO  
ESTABLISH "CONTACT" FOR TECHNICAL PREPARATIONS FOR  
ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW HUNGARIAN CONGEN IN WEST BERLIN.  
HERZ SAID SENAT HAS PUT GABOS OFF, PENDING RESOLUTION  
OF ISSUE SET FORTH PARA 2 REFTTEL, BUT THAT IT PERCEIVED  
NO OBJECTION TO AN ARRANGEMENT WHICH WOULD MAKE CLEAR  
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THAT GABOS WOULD NOT BE ACTING IN CAPACITY OF MEMBER

OF EAST BERLIN EMBASSY. HERZ STATED THAT FRG AND SENAT WERE AGREED THAT ACCEPTABLE PROCEDURE WOULD BE TO REQUIRE HUNGARIANS IN BONN TO NOTIFY FRG FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT GABOS WOULD BE CARRYING OUT PREPARATORY WORK ON BEHALF OF HUNGARIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY AND NOT ON BEHALF OF EMBASSY. (HERZ ADDED THAT SENAT UNDERSTANDS GABOS IS SCHEDULED TO BE ASSIGNED TO CONGEN, BUT THAT OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION THEREOF IS NOT EXPECTED IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE.) US AND UK POLADS NOTED THAT THIS MATTER WAS UNDER DISCUSSION IN BONN GROUP, BUT THAT SUGGESTED PROCEDURE DID NOT SEEM UNREASONABLE; FRENCH POLAD EXPRESSED PERSONAL DISPLEASURE AT ALLOWING GABOS TO PLAY ROLE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

COMMENT: SENAT/FRG SUGGESTION FOCUSES ON SOURCE OF GABOS' AUTHORITY TO PLAY PREPARATORY ROLE RATHER THAN HIS STATUS AS PUTATIVE FUTURE MEMBER OF CONGEN, BUT IT SEEMS TO US THAT IT IS ACCEPTABLE VARIANT OF PROCEDURE OUTLINED PARA 2 REFTEL. END COMMENT

2. NUMBER OF ASPECTS OF PRESS PLAY IN REGARD TO ESTABLISHMENT OF BULBARIAN AND HUNGARIAN CONGENS STRIKE US AN UNFORTUNATE, AND WE WILL USE TARGETS TO OPPORTUNITY TO SET RECORD STRAIGHT SHOULD THEY BE RAISED BY NEWSMEN AND OTHERS. AS EMBASSY HAS NOTED, THERE IS SUGGESTION IN "FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU" ACCOUNT THAT SOVIETS PERFORM WODER RANGE OF FUNCTIONS THAN THOSE TO BE PERMITTED HUNGARIANS AND BULGARIANS, WHEREAS THESE IS EXPLICIT UNDERSTANDING WITH SOVIETS THAT THEY MAY ENGAGE ONLY IN CONSULAR ACTIVITIES.

LOCAL PRESS ACCOUNTS ALSO SUGGESTED THAT THERE WAS SOMETHING SPECIAL ABOUT THE TWO CONGENS BEING DIRECTLY UNDER RESPECTIVE MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WHEREAS WE UNDERSTAND THIS TO BE PURELY AN INTERNAL ORGANIZATIONAL QUESTION. FINALLY, TAGESSPIEGEL DPA ACCOUNT INDICATED PERMISSION FOR CONGENS HAD BEEN GIVEN VIA ALLIED CAPITALS (WHICH WOULD BE EXCEPTION TO RULE, SIMILAR TO THAT ARRANGED FOR SOVIETS), RATHER THAN THROUGH ALLIED COMMANDANTS  
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IN BERLIN, WHICH WAS, OF COURSE, ROUTE TAKEN.BORG

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